RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1884. ENTERED VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1908.

PREMIERS, V.F.A., 1902, 1905
RUNNERS-UP 1901, 1903, 1904

PREMIERS, V.F.L., 1920, 1921
RUNNERS - UP 1919 - 24 - 27

Forty-Third Annual Report and Balance Sheet

SEASON 1927

NOTICE OF MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Richmond Cricket Ground on WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 8, 1928, at 8 p.m., to receive Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and transact any other business of which notice has been given. A musical programme under the direction of Vice-President H. Dyke will be provided.

Polling—6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Hon. Returning Officer, J. Loughnan, Esq.

Members must produce their tickets to gain admittance and present same to poll clerk to secure a vote. Name and address must also be furnished.

NO PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOST OR MISLAID THEIR TICKETS

List of Office-Bearers

President: J. H. ARCHER, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

Cr. H. H. Bell; H. Dyke, Esq.; W. H. Gosch, Esq.; W. A. Maybury, Esq; H. L. Roberts, Esq; R. J. Stanley, Esq.

Committee:

Messrs. A. Bettles, H. Cox, A. E. Goullet, C. Hall, J. J. Smith, E. Taylor, V. Thorp.

Players' Representatives on Committee: Messrs. A. Geddes, F. V. Hughes, R. O'Neill.

Richmond Cricket Club's Representatives on Committee: Messrs. H. Robinson, W. Sheppard.

Delegates to Richmond Cricket Club: Messrs. W. H. Gosch and H. Dyke.

Richmond League Seconds' Representative on Committee: Mr. E. H. Linthorne.

Victorian League Delegates: Messrs. P. Page and H. L. Roberts.

Chairman of Committee: Mr. W. H. Gosch.

Hon. Solicitor: Bernard Nolan, Esq.

Auditors: G. D. Gill, Esq:. Qualified Accountant; R. H. McIntyre, Esq., L.I.C.A.

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. D. Rosenberg.

Captain: Mr. A. Geddes.

Non-Playing Coach: Mr. F. V. Hughes.

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Baker.

Vice-Captain: Mr. D. Hayes.

Shampooer: Mr. A. Larsen.

Training Room Staff: Messrs. E. Saunders (head), C. Callander, R. G. Davall, H. Fargher, H. McCormack, M. Noble, J. Watson, T. Webster.

Door Steward: Mr. L. Cameron.

Boot Studders: Messrs. T. Carswell and F. Cowling.

First Aid Man: Mr. W. Driver.

Hon. Chiropodist: Mr. A. W. Rosier.

Press Correspondent: Mr. W. I. Bicknell.

Property Steward: Mr. G. Browne.

Selection Committee: Messrs. H. Dyke, A. Geddes, A. E. Goullet, D. Hayes, E. Taylor.

Finance Committee: Messrs. J. H. Archer, H. H. Bell, H. Dyke, W. H. Gosch, J. Langdon, P. Page.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. D. Langdon.

Hon. Assistant Secretary and Ticket Secretary: Mr. W. A. Maybury.

Hon. Social Secretary: Mr. H. Dyke.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. P. Page, 210 Swan Street, Richmond

INDUCE YOUR FRIENDS TO BECOME MEMBERS

NOMINATION FOR OFFICE-BEARERS
SEASON 1928

President:

*J. H. ARCHER, Esq.; Dr. D. ROSENBERG.

Vice-Presidents (Six to be elected):

*CR. H. H. BELL, *H. DYKE, Esq.; *W. H. GOSCH, Esq.; *C. H. HALL, Esq.; CR. M. D. KENNEDY,* H. L. ROBERTS, Esq.; *R. J. STANLEY, Esq.

Committee (Seven to be elected):

Messrs. *A. BETTLES, *H. COX, B. D. EDMOND, *A. E. GOULLET, W. J. T. HIGGINBOTHAM, *J. J. SMITH, *E. TAYLOR, *V. C. THORP.

Hon. Treasurer:

*J. D. LANGDON (unopposed).

Hon. Secretary:

*P. P. PAGE (unopposed).

*Retiring Office-bearers.

Members' Ticket must be produced to gain admission and secure vote, whilst name and address submitted must correspond with that on roll. Polling booth in Cricket Pavilion, open 6.30 to 9.30 p.m.

RICHMOND'S TOTALS FOR AND AGAINST ALL LEAGUE CLUBS

Versus	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For Goals	Behinds	Points	Against Goals	Behinds	Points
Carlton	46	9	37	—	321	486	2412	458	548	3296
Collingwood	45	15	29	1	328	440	2408	409	565	3019
Essendon	36	16	20	—	297	430	2212	323	398	2336
Fitzroy	43	16	27	—	324	473	2417	377	485	2747
Geelong	39	20	18	1	336	479	2495	338	482	2510
Melbourne	34	19	14	1	341	408	2454	327	369	2331
South Melbourne	40	16	24	—	314	411	2295	388	482	2810
St. Kilda	34	23	11	—	312	386	2258	233	380	1778
University	14	9	5	—	134	150	951	107	131	773
Footscray	5	3	2	—	48	84	372	43	52	310
Hawthorn	6	6	—	—	72	99	531	47	67	349
North Melbourne	4	4	—	—	46	49	325	31	38	224
	346	156	187	3	2873	3895	21,133	3081	3997	22,483

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES, 1927.—(Matches Played, 20)

	First Matches Played.	1927.		First Matches Played.	1927.		First Matches Played.	1927.
Baggott, J.	1927	19	Jamison, S.	1926	2	O'Halloran, T.	1925	20
Bentley, P.	1925	18	Kight, F.	1927	2	O'Neill, R.	1925	10
Don, D.	1917	14	Lilburne, C.	1926	16	Powell, P.	1927	6
Fincher, J.	1927	13	Lynch, D.	1923	9	Robinson, G.	1925	3
Ford, W.	1927	1	Millar, K.	1924	1	Rudolph, G.	1923	20
Gallagher, L.	1926	20	Murdoch, J.	1927	13	Spain, J.	1923	14
Geddes, A.	1925	19	McCormack, B.	1925	20	Stainsby, L.	1927	2
Harris, D.	1926	20	McCormack, J.	1927	6	Titus, J.	1926	1
Hayes, D.	1922	18	McIsaac, A.	1922	15	Watson, C.	1927	4
Hislop, M.	1917	9	O'Brien, F.	1926	17	Weidner, H.	1926	18
Huggard, J.	1925	10						

Annual Report of Committee of Management 1927

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club,
Ladies and Gentlemen,—

In presenting the Club's Forty-Third Annual Report and Balance Sheet your Committee of Management does so with a certain feeling of pleasure and pride, for not only has distinct success been achieved on the playing arena, but following upon conferences held with the Cricket Club in 1926, numerous improvements to the training rooms, committee rooms, and ground were completed during 1927. Although additional expense was incurred by the improvements, together with the added cost of an Interstate trip to Tasmania, a profit of some £128 was made on the year's transactions, so that summarised the past year may be phrased as "one of progress," if even not the most progressive in the history of the Club.

Your Committee, of course, regrets the losing of the final match, and whilst not detracting from the merit of the Collingwood victory, it is expected an alteration will be made to the rules of the Victorian Football League, whereby the possibility of playing semi-final or final matches in adverse weather will be eliminated.

Reviewing the performances, it will be seen by a glance at the herein published statistics that numerous records were created. This is all the more remarkable when it is considered that of the 1926 season players eighteen either retired or were cleared to other clubs at the commencement of the year, and of the thirty-one players who stripped for the "Tigers" in 1927, no less than eight made their debut in League football. Accidents were again fairly numerous, and the Club suffered in this respect by the loss, for long periods, of players such as D. Don, K. Millar, J. Huggard, J. Titus, W. Ford, and D. Lynch.

To this list, none of whom were available for the final match, must also be added the name of J. Baggott, who was injured at training. It is safe to assume that with several of the foregoing available the closeness of the scores in the final game would have helped to keep warm the rain-soddened spectators. To win a premiership a club must be fairly free from accident throughout the year; in looking back over past seasons this is most apparent. Your Committee, however, has no cause for complaint, and given a share of good luck, looks forward to going one rung higher in 1928 and bringing another Premiership Pennant to Richmond.

With the ambitious project of a 1928 Premiership ahead of us, we take this opportunity of appealing to each and every member for their assistance and hearty co-operation, for if the Club is worthy of your membership, it is worthy of your best endeavors. The ways of helping are numerous; socially, introduction of new members, closer association with officials and players, and notification of any employment that is offering, to mention a few.

Space might here be permitted to ask members possessing balance sheets or membership tickets dating back to 1885 to communicate with officials, as it is desired to place a complete set in the new Committee rooms. Old Club mementoes of interest would also be gratefully acknowledged.

Richmond League Seconds.—The "Cubs," owing to a dearth of big men, were not quite so successful in 1927 from a playing standpoint as in the previous year, finishing in sixth position. Nevertheless, they achieved success in other directions, for S. Jamison, their talented centre man, received the "Gardiner" Medal, which is the equivalent of the "Brownlow" Medal; that is to say, it is for the best and fairest player in the League Seconds, and is adjudged in a similar way, by the vote of the central umpires. Your Committee extend him sincere congratulations, and wish him further success in the ranks of the "Tigers." The "Cubs," always a strong social body, financed and organised a week's trip to Albury. The project was considerably helped by the work of an energetic Ladies' Committee. Your Club, always alive to the advantages of a good Second Eighteen, assisted them in every possible manner, and besides donating several sums of money, increased the salary of their enthusiastic coach, "Joker" Hall. It is generally recognised that much of the success of the Club can be attributed to "Joker's" keenness and Club interest. He is, indeed, a true "Cub" and held in very high esteem. The Club is also fortunate in possessing a strong, hard-working committee, with officials such as Mr. H. L. Roberts (President) and Mr. E. H. Linthorne (Hon. Secretary) at its head. The latter, who is in his first year of office, graduated from the secretaryship of the Burnley Church of Christ team, and bids fair to hold the position for many years. In order to strengthen the Second Eighteen, and incidentally the senior body, attempts have been made by your Committee during the past two seasons to organise a district junior competition, but the idea met with such poor response that the scheme has been regretfully put aside. The Annual Meeting of the "Cubs" will take place at the Pavilion on Wednesday, February 15, at 8 p.m.

Richmond Cricket Club.—In our last report, under this heading, reference was made to several conferences held with the Cricket Club re proposed improvements, and the hope was then expressed that the conferences would bear fruit within a few months. Those months have passed, and the proposed improvements, together with a few more, have been completed to the satisfaction of both Clubs, and though the outlay was considerable, the additional advantages that are now to be obtained more than compensates the Cricket Club for its labor. We heartily congratulate the Committee upon its go-ahead policy, and trust it will continue to be progressive, having at all times the objective of raising the standard of the ground facilities to the same level as other leading metropolitan ovals. The improvements comprised regrading, cricket members' new grandstand, committee rooms for both clubs, and new training quarters. We again have to acknowledge receipt of a very liberal donation (as per balance sheet), also an amount of £30 for payment to players who participated in the North Melbourne match on May 28, and the players and emergencies of the Carlton Semi-Final. These acts of generosity must clearly demonstrate to members the fine spirit that binds together the two clubs. The Football Club on its part has lent the Cricket Club £420 from General Funds, and £180 from the Accident Fund, a total of £600, for a period of two years, to help tide them over their extra financial obligations. Security has been received for these amounts in the form of bonds.

Congratulations.—Sincere congratulations are extended to our victors in the final game, Collingwood; upon their winning of the 1927 Premiership. The rivalry between your club and the neighbourly Magpies is keen, but at all times friendly, and the wish is that we again meet in the 1928 final, and the result be in favor of the better team. Congratulations are also conveyed to those two stalwarts, the Coventry brothers; Syd. for his winning of the Brownlow Medal, and Gordon for achieving an Australian goal-kicking record. The members and selectors of the Victorian Carnival Team are requested to accept your Committee's congratulations and thanks for retaining in Victoria the title of Australian champions.

Ladies' Social Committee—a body that has been connected with the Club for many years—experienced a very arduous year, many calls being made upon their services owing to the raising of funds for the Interstate Trip.

Besides catering for the Fortnightly Socials and the Smoke Night tendered the Western Australian Carnival Team, they saw fit to organise, control and cater for the huge ball, held in the Town Hall on July 27 last. From this function they handed over to the Trip Committee an amount of £30/14/7. To the officials—Mrs. Joyce (president) and Mrs. Weinert (hon. secretary), and their twelve unselfish committee-women —we convey our sincere thanks, and trust they will long continue to be associated with the Club. As a small mark of appreciation a Theatre Night was tendered the ladies at the close of the season.

Club Trips and Socials.—Probably in no previous season has more entertainments been provided for the officials, players, and members than was the case in 1927. Mr. H. Dyke, in his position of Social Secretary, having a most busy year. Besides the fortnightly socials conducted in the Pavilion, and the holding of other amusements for raising of trip funds, such as the Ball and Athletic Night, the players were treated to a smoke night, several dinners, and three theatre parties —one by the Vice-Presidents, another by the Committee-men and Treasurer, and the third at the invitation of the Hon. Secretary. They were also the guests of the Stadium management at one of the principal wrestling bouts, per kindness of Mr. R. Lean, and of course, as reported elsewhere, had the opportunity of visiting Tasmania in August, and Healesville for a week-end visit in October.

Western Australian Carnival Visit and Reunion of Old Players.—The W.A. Carnival Team, at the invitation of your Committee, decided to make Richmond their headquarters for Carnival fortnight. It was thus resolved to extend them a bumper welcome in the form of a smoke night, and at the same function again bring together your Life Members, 5, 10 and 15 year old players, and also the season's patrons. On August 8 slightly more than 300 gathered to celebrate the occasion, and it is safe to say the night's memories will long remain in the minds of all those who were privileged to be present. The Westerners were loud in their praise of the treatment received throughout their visit, and both before and after their departure extended invitations to the Tigers to visit the West in the near future. It is quite within reason that the Club may go westwards in 1929.

Tasmanian Trip.—Prior to the commencement of the playing season your Committee decided to give the players an Interstate trip, same to take place during the Carnival period. With the idea of fostering the game in the far North, Queensland received favorable consideration, but owing to no ground being available at that particular time, the trip was switched southwards to that hospitable isle, Tasmania. After five months of gruelling work in raising funds, a party of 32 set foot on the Loongana. The date was August 10. Arriving in Launceston after a good voyage, the boys immediately entrained for Hobart, where eight days were gloriously spent. All the tourist spots were visited, including Brown's River, Mt. Nelson, New Norfolk, Port Arthur, Russell Falls, and Mount Wellington, and the hearty handshake of goodwill and hospitality was abundantly received in every quarter. A match against the Tasmanian League was won by the tourists. Arriving back in Launceston, further trips were undertaken, and a match played against the Northern Tasmanian Association, which resulted in a draw. Home, sweet home was reached on August 23, after an absence of 13 days. The return trip on the Loongana proved uneventful. The trip was not only enjoyable, but proved beneficial to the whole party, and our sincere thanks for many acts of kindness received are extended to Messrs. Eadie, Facey, and Miller, of the Tasmanian League, and Messrs. Weetman, Tyson, and Bunting of the Northern Tasmanian Association. The Tigers encountered many other good friends, too numerous to mention, but Mr. and Mrs. Cobern, of Launceston, proved extra good sports, and presented the Club with an enlarged framed picture of a "Tiger," to which the boys had taken a particular fancy. The picture, suitably inscribed, now hangs in the committee rooms. The fourth trip of the Club to Tasmania has now been accomplished, and it is safe to say it will not be the last.

So as to enable those who were unable to make the trip across the Straits a chance of a brief holiday, a week-end visit was made to Healesville shortly after the playing of the final match. Many of the officials, players and staff availed themselves of this short but pleasant excursion.

Donors.—Practical interest has been shown in the Club by the receipt of donations, in the form of cash, goods and prizes, from numerous ladies, gentlemen, and firms. The Committee acknowledges with hearty thanks the various amounts received, and trusts that the Club may merit the honor of their continued support.

Delegates.—Messrs. H. L. Roberts and P. Page were again elected delegates to the League. Their responsible duties were faithfully carried out to the complete satisfaction of your Committee. Mr. Roberts was this year elected by the League as one of the three Interstate Selectors.

Training Staff and Honorary Officials and Workers. —The large training staff of the Richmond Club, so necessary to League Clubs nowadays, was under the control and guidance of Mr. E. Saunders, who again proved that he is the right man in the right place. Your Committee is not unmindful of the work of his assistant head trainer (Mr. J. Watson) and staff. Reference must also be made of the splendid services rendered by our medical officer, Dr. D. Rosenberg; solicitor, Mr. B. Nolan; chiropodist, Mr. A. W. Rosier; auditors, Messrs. R. McIntyre and G. D. Gill; timekeeper, Mr. W. Baker; first aid, Mr. W. Driver; shampooer, Mr. A. Larsen; press correspondent, Mr. W. Bicknell; door steward, Mr. L. Cameron; boot studders, Messrs. T. Carswell and F. Cowling; property steward, Mr. G. Browne, and those ladies and gentlemen who assisted in the sale of members' tickets. All are deserving of the highest commendation.

Our thanks are also due to the following for acts of courtesy performed during the season: Doctors Sicree and Hamilton, Messrs. R. Lean, A. King, T. Assender, G. Langlands, Sam Clapham, J. Mundy, J. O'Brien, L. Trentner, G. McIntosh, and G. Mackay, Misses Ivy May and Gwen Taylor, and the members of the Limerick Club Jazz Band.

Captain, Vice-Captain and Coach.—The important positions of Captain and Vice-Captain were filled, for the first time in their career, by A. Geddes and D. Hayes respectively. It is to the credit of these players that by faithfully performing their duties they carried with them at all times the full confidence of both Committee and fellow players. The position of Coach was occupied, also for the first time in his career, by Mr. F. V. Hughes. To say the least, he proved a huge success for, in addition to his undoubted coaching ability, he possesses enthusiasm, resource, tact, and a big fist of Club "interest." It is expected that his services will long be at the disposal of the Club. The Committee purposes presenting him at the Annual Meeting with a little gift to mark his successful initial year.

Life Membership, Life Governorship, Long Service Certificates.—Two players, in the persons of Messrs. G. Rudolph and A. McIsaac, last year completed five seasons' playing service. Both are to receive certificates. The Club's life-membership has been conferred upon Messrs. E. Taylor and H. Dyke, and both deserve the high honor. Mr. Taylor, who has spent four years on the committee was, prior to his election, a playing member for seven years, and only then ceased playing owing to a severe accident. Vice-President Dyke has held an executive position for the past three seasons, and during that period has proved a remarkably valuable official. Only those associated with him realise the amount of work he has accomplished. The life governorship of the Melbourne Hospital, placed at the disposal of the Club by the Victorian Football League, has been conferred upon your worthy ex-player and present committee-man, Mr. C. H. Hall. To these recipients we tender our hearty congratulations.

Obituary.—Since our last report we have to record with deep regret the demise of the following:—Mr. Dave

Watson, a past player and brother of our present assistant head trainer; Mr. W. Brown, a club champion of 1888-9-1890; Mr. Les Kennon, a past official and brother of the Hawthorn president, Mr. J. W. Kennon; Mr. A. Thurgood, Mrs. E. Taylor, wife of Mr. E. Taylor, and Mrs. Huggard, mother of Frank and Jack. To the relatives and friends who are left to mourn their loss we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

General.—We regret to record the continued illness of club and ex-club officials in the persons of Messrs. W. A. Maybury, J. Fayle, W. Bicknell, and D. Bauld. We wish them all a speedy restoration to health.

Several old players last year occupied coaching positions. To name a few we mention: R. McCaskell, M. Morris, H. Pollock, J. Smith, B. Lunn, J. Maxfield, C. Smith, and G. Beare.

The Tiger skin presented the Club to commemorate the 1921 Premiership is now mounted, and adorns the walls of the training room. The skin and mount are both gifts of the Richmond Furnishing Co.

A marble tablet to the memory of the late Vice-President, Cr. O. Mitchell, has been placed in the committee rooms.

Your Committee is indebted to Messrs. R. H. Campbell, C. C. Mullen, and H. A. Nicholls for most of the statistical matter that appears in this report, and Messrs. J. D. Langdon (treasurer), and P. A. Maybury for services rendered.

The match for the League Premiership of this season produced the smallest scoring final game since 1897. In this year Essendon scored 1 goal 8 behinds to Melbourne's 8 points, in what was then the semi-finals. It was in reality the same system as that adopted in 1924, and discontinued in 1925. Only on one occasion have the Tigers made a smaller score than their 1-7 in the final. It was against Melbourne in 1908, when they only mustered 1-6 as against 11-6.

In 31 seasons only 15 games have been 40 points or under, 13 in the first four years, 1897-1901, one in 1903, and then a break until this season.

The lowest score against the Tigers is 1-10 made by St Kilda in 1910.

We record our appreciation to those gentlemen who have provided employment for players.

Jim Spain has taken unto himself a life partner. Congratulations! He has received a wedding present.

The Club is indebted to Mr. J. H. Scullin, M.H.R., Mr. E. J. Cotter, M.L.A., and Mr. W. L. Kelly, J.P., for many acts of kindness.

The footballers have a cricket team in the Second Grade of the V.J.C.A. Success has not yet met their efforts. Assuredly it will.

The following Richmond men have played in Carnival matches; W. J. Luff at Melbourne in 1908; B. V. Herbert, L. Incigneri at Adelaide in 1911; H. James at Sydney in 1914; C. J. Smith, V. C. Thorp, A. M. Hislop at Perth in 1921; V. C. Thorp, H. McIntosh at Hobart in 1924; A. Geddes, D. Don, B. McCormack, G. Rudolph, J. Baggott, P. Bentley, and T. O'Halloran at Melbourne in 1927.

Not for many years have so many different players scored goals for Richmond as was the case this year. No one scored more than forty goals, while only two (J. Baggott and D. Lynch) reached the thirties.

Prior to this season Richmond had not beaten Essendon at Punt road for five years.

J. Huggard, in scoring 7 goals against Fitzroy on July 9, made a record for a Richmond forward on the Fitzroy ground. By the way, Jack has not yet recovered from the injury received in the North Melbourne match.

Richmond players who secured votes in the Brownlow Medal contest for the best and fairest player were: A. Geddes (5), T. O'Halloran (3), D. Don, J. Baggott, D. Harris, and F. O'Brien (1 each).

Basil McCormack has played 55 consecutive football matches with Richmond in premiership fixtures.

Never before since they became a League team has Richmond failed to score a goal in the first three quarters of a game. In the play-off with Collingwood this season the Tigers were goalless until the final term.

Finance. — The financial position is particularly sound, for though the Club carries forward a small overdraft, it must be remembered that an amount of £420 was loaned the Richmond Cricket Club during the season from general funds. This makes their indebtedness to your Club £530 which, added to other assets in the form of new furnishings, etc., shows a healthy excess of assets over liabilities. Your Committee is to be commended on the position, for though gate receipts showed an increase, the revenue from members' tickets and the Victorian Football League dividend decreased to the extent of £284.

SEASON'S RECORDS (By R. H. Campbell)

Won 7 successive games—a record unapproached since 1921. Scored 218 goals, scored 270 behinds, scored 1578 points, played 20 matches for the season—a record for Richmond. 208,000 persons attended Richmond ground for the season—a record for Richmond.

During the years 1926 and 1927 only on two occasions in each of these years has the side scored under 50 points in a match—a record for any two years for Richmond in League games.

£1179/1/9 takings at Richmond v. Carlton match at Richmond—record takings for ground. £2169/12/5 representing R.F.C. nett gate receipts for season—record. 42,000 attendance at same match—record attendance for ground.

Scored 119 Pts. (16.23) agst. Hawthorn, at Richmond
Scored 111 Pts. (17.9) agst. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy
Scored 110 Pts. (16.14) agst. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda
Scored 107 Pts. (15.17) agst. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
Scored 102 Pts. (15.12) agst. Essendon, at Richmond
Scored 100 Pts. (13.22) agst. Footscray, at Richmond

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest Goal Kicker	Scores For Gls.	Bhds.	Scores Agst. Gls.	Bhds.	Season's Position
1908	G. H. Bennett M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	C. Pannam R. Condon	W. Bourke (24)	128	172	178	207	Ninth
1909	F. G. Tudor	"	"	J. Lawson	W. Bourke (20)	112	153	179	209	Eighth
1910	M.H.R.	"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (20)	127	175	121	186	Seventh
1911	"	"	"	L. Incigneri	M. Maguire (29)	122	199	138	193	Eighth
1912	"	G. P. Beachcroft	J. McDermott	E. Ohlsen	E. Keggin (24)	115	173	184	229	Ninth
1913	"	W. H. Lohse	J. H. Archer	H. James	P. Martyn (32)	143	176	150	190	Seventh
1914	"	"	"	W. Thomas	C. Hall (32)	143	226	143	219	Eighth
1915	"	"	"	"	C. Hall (25)	126	150	158	216	Sixth
1916	"	"	"	"	P. Martyn (22)	120	139	131	170	Fourth
1917	"	W. A. Maybury	"	P. H. Maybury	C. Fehring (14)	104	138	127	192	Sixth
1918	"	"	"	C. H. Hall	D. Don (19)	96	176	117	155	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	"	"	W. Thomas	D. Don (31)	172	251	148	210	Run's-up
1920	"	"	"	D. T. Minogue	G. Bayliss (63)	202	223	143	154	Prem'rs
1921	"	"	A. Aarons	"	G. Bayliss (53)	188	222	149	226	Prem'rs
1922	"	"	"	"	G. Bayliss (32)	146	163	154	204	Fifth
1923	"	"	"	"	D. Fraser (18)	121	180	156	202	Eighth
1924	J. H. Archer	P. Page	"	"	M. Morris (44)	172	259	169	222	Run's-up
1925	"	"	J. D. Langdon	"	M. Morris (25)	132	189	158	183	Seventh
1926	"	"	"	M. Morris	D. Lynch (31)	186	261	214	211	Seventh
1927	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Baggott (37)	218	270	164	219	Run's-up
						2873	3895	3081	3997	

We, the undersigned, have examined the Books and Accounts of the above Club for Season 1927, and, in our opinion, the Receipts and Expenditure Account, together with the Balance Sheet set out above, represents the true position of the Club's affairs. The audit was facilitated by the excellent state of the Books and Accounts and by the assistance which was rendered to us by the Secretary and Treasurer.

J. D. LANGDON, Hon. Treasurer.
P. PAGE, Hon. Secretary.

R. McINTYRE,
GEORGE D. GILL, } Auditors.

21/1/1928.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE— TRIP AND ENTERTAINMENT FUND

To Balance, Cash in Hand State Savings Bank, Richmond South, at 15/1/27	£252	3	9	By Expenses Tasmanian Trip	£654	11	4
„ Trip Donations, as per list	110	7	6	„ Presentations Tasmanian Football League and Association	7	10	0
„ Sale of Footballs	2	2	6	„ Expenses, Healesville Trip	4	8	0
„ Interest	6	10	3	„ Payment to Players unable to participate in Tasmanian Trip	39	0	0
„ Nett Profit Ladies' Committee Ball	30	14	7	„ Balance State Savings Bank, Richmond South, at 10/1/28	9	16	2
„ Club Special Effort	85	1	3				
„ Gate Receipts, Hobart and Launceston	100	17	0				
„ Nett Profit, Amusements	127	8	8				
	£715	5	6		£715	5	6

audited and found correct.

R. J. STANLEY, Vice-Pres.
P. PAGE, Hon. Sec.
J. D. LANGDON, Hon. Treas.

ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Committee (Meetings held, 20).—President—J. H. Archer, 17. Vice-Presidents—Messrs. H. H. Bell, 12; H. Dyke, 19; W. H. Gosch, 19; W. A. Maybury, 8 (ill from 7/6/27); H. L. Roberts, 19; R. J. Stanley, 19.

Committee. — Messrs. A. Bettles, 19; H. Cox, 18; A. E. Goullet, 16; C. Hall, 16; J. J. Smith, 19; E. Taylor, 11; V. Thorp, 18.

Players' Representatives (appointed 10/5/27).—Messrs. A. Geddes, 12; F. V. Hughes, 13; R. O'Neill, 14.

Richmond Cricket Club Representatives.—Messrs. H. Robinson, 15; W. Sheppard, 14.

Second Eighteen Representative.—E. H. Linthorne, 19.

Treasurer.—J. D. Langdon, 20.

Secretary.—P. Page, 20.

Finance Committee (Meetings held, 10).—Messrs. J. H. Archer, 5; H. H. Bell, 8; H. Dyke, 10; W. H. Gosch, 10; J. Langdon, 10; P. Page, 10.

Match Committee (Meetings held, 20).—Messrs. H. Dyke, 20; A. Geddes, 20; A. E. Goullet, 20; D. Hayes, 20; F. V. Hughes, 20; E. Taylor, 18.

LIFE MEMBERS

The list now stands as follows:—J. Charles, 1885; J. Eastman, 1896; J. J. Stewart, 1897; A. Elder, 1898; J. H. Egan, 1899; W. Malone (deceased), 1900; W. J. Bicknell, 1902; C. Backhouse (deceased), 1904; A. McNair, 1905; G. R. P. Beacheroft, 1906; A. Edmonds, 1008; A. A. Manzie, 1909; C. Whitaker (deceased), 1910; J. H. Archer, W. A. Maybury, 1912; A. Tietgens, 1914; G. McIntosh, 1915; J. H. James, 1915; R. T. Kelly, W. H. Lohse, 1916; B. V. Herbert, P. H. Maybury, 1917; S. W. Reeves, V. C. Thorp, 1919; C. H. Hall, D. Henry, 1920; A. Aarons, T. Delaney, 1921; A. J. Bettles, B. Goodwin, 1922; F. V. Hughes, A. Wood, 1923; F. Harley, J. Watson, 1924; E. J. Fayle, O. Mitchell (deceased), 1925; D. Don, J. Smith, 1926; H. Dyke, E. Taylor, 1927.

PLAYERS' TROPHIES

Trophies for Season 1927 were awarded as follows. They will be presented at Annual Meeting:—

Best and Fairest Player (silver mounted cup, value £10/10/-, donated by Mr. W. Mackerras): B. McCormack.

Best All-Round Player (gold medal, donated by Miss Cain): G. Rudolph.

Best First-Year Player (Stetson hat, gift of Head & Son): J. Baggott.

Best Team Player in Final Matches (upholstered moquette armchair, value £10/10/-, gift of Prahran Furniture Manufacturers): A. Geddes.

Most Improved Player (suit of clothes, value £10/10/-, gift of Mr. E. Monsbourgh): D. Harris.

Most Determined Player (silver mounted pipe and case, gift of Mr. E. McEwin): D. Don.

Most Conscientious Player (special trophy, value £2/2/-): P. Bentley.

The following prizes were also won and presented during the playing season:—

Gold medal for best player in Carlton match, June 6, presented by Mr. H. Weidner (senr.), won by T. O'Halloran. Sovereign for best player in Melbourne match, July 16, presented by Mr. C. Mack; won by J. Baggott. Silver cup, specially presented by Doug. Hayes to D. Harris for consistent play throughout the year. £2 specially presented by Mr. R. Stevens to L. Gallagher for Carlton semi-final match, September 17. Players and emergencies (22) of the Carlton semi-final match each received a £1/1/- hat, presented by the President (Mr. J. Archer), and £1 cash from the committee of the Richmond Cricket Club. A 10/- note was also given by the Richmond Cricket Club to all players in the game against North Melbourne on May 28.

RESULTS OF MATCHES, 1927

			For			Against		
Date	Versus	Res.	G.	B.	Pts.	G.	B.	Pts.
Apl. 30	Melbourne	Lost	9	11	65	16	19	115
May 7	St. Kilda	Won	8	11	59	6	12	48
„ 14	Collingwood	Won	7	13	55	6	13	49
„ 21	Footscray	Won	13	22	100	3	12	30
„ 28	Nth. Melb.	Won	12	11	83	5	8	38
June 6	Carlton	Lost	12	18	90	17	8	110
„ 11	Sth. Melb.	Won	15	17	107	10	11	71
„ 18	Essendon	Won	15	12	102	11	13	79
„ 25	Hawthorn	Won	9	20	74	9	6	60
July 2	Geelong	Won	9	15	69	7	11	53
„ 9	Fitzroy	Won	17	9	111	8	7	55
„ 16	Melbourne	Won	10	15	75	6	8	44
„ 23	St. Kilda	Won	16	14	110	9	17	71
„ 30	Collingwood	Lost	9	7	61	12	12	84
Aug. 6	Footscray	Won	11	15	81	7	8	50
„ 27	Nth. Melb.	Won	14	15	99	9	8	62
Sept. 3	Carlton	Lost	3	5	23	4	6	30
„ 10	Hawthorn	Won	16	23	119	6	17	53
	Second Round							
Sept. 17	Carlton	Won	12	10	82	11	10	76
Oct. 1	Collingwood	Lost	1	7	13	2	13	25
	Totals		218	270	1578	164	219	1203

Richmond Football Club---Receipts and Expenditure Account Season, 1927

RECEIPTS

To Balance, Season 1926		£100	14 8
,, Donations, as per list		378	12 0
,, Donations, Committee Room Chairs		16	0 0
,, Members' Tickets, 3778 at 7/6, Season 1927	£1416 15 0		
,, Members' Tickets Season 1926	2 19 3		
		1419	14 3
,, Receipts from Matches—Practice		85	10 8
Home Matches—			
St. Kilda	£113 19 7		
Footscray	87 5 1		
Carlton	283 1 1		
Essendon	136 11 5		
Geelong	49 1 8		
Melbourne	184 14 10		
Collingwood	265 8 11		
Nth. Melbourne	33 18 2		
Hawthorn	37 8 11		
		1191	9 8
Other Grounds—			
Melbourne	£132 10 2		
Collingwood	116 10 11		
Nth. Melbourne	90 19 4		
Sth. Melbourne	104 13 9		
Hawthorn	47 19 4		
Fitzroy	86 6 0		
St. Kilda	92 15 9		
Footscray	68 11 11		
Carlton	237 15 7		
		978	2 9
,, V.F.L. Allowance, Final Matches		300	0 0
,, V.F.L. Dividend		50	8 8
,, Interest on Debentures		12	18 0
,, Refunds, Insurance of Players		20	5 0
,, General Receipts		3	6 0
By Overdraft E.S. & A. Bank, Swan St.		191	5 2
		£4748	6 10

EXPENDITURE

By V.F.L. Delegates' Fees	£2	2 0
,, Expenses Annual Meeting	43	11 6
,, Printing, Stationery, Postage, and Telegrams	117	0 5
,, Uniforms, Boots, and Training Requisites	200	1 0
,, Auditors' Fees	10	10 0
,, Payment to Players, including Players' Expenses and Lost Time	1662	19 8
,, Payment to Players, per favour Richmond Cricket Club	30	0 0
,, Bonus to Players	383	0 0
,, Insurance of Players	193	11 0
,, Car Hire and Travelling Expenses	127	2 8
,, Trainers and Property Man	348	13 9
,, Expenses for Coaches (1st and 2nd Eighteen)	228	0 0
,, Boot Studders	17	17 0
,, Refreshments	74	11 1
,, Medical Expenses	155	3 8
,, Club Entertainments	77	9 10
,, Entertainment of Ladies' Committee	10	15 6
,, Entertainment of West Aust'ns., Life Members, and Patrons	60	19 0
,, Donations	72	0 0
,, Second Eighteen Share Practice Match Receipts	15	6 2
,, Telephone, Advertising, and Fire Insurance	33	6 4
,, Secretary's Expenses	100	0 0
,, Honorariums	124	9 0
,, Wreaths	9	5 0
,, Laundry	14	0 3
,, Photographs	31	11 3
,, Furnishings and Room Improvements	127	14 8
,, Life Members' Medallions and Presentations	7	18 0
,, Bank Charges and Interest	4	15 6
,, Ticket Agents' Commission	24	5 7
,, Purchase of Debentures Richmond Cricket Club—420 at £1	420	0 0
,, Income Tax	2	19 0
,, Memorial Tablet to Late Cr. O. Mitchell	10	10 0
,, Purchase Movable Stand	5	10 6
,, Sundries	1	7 6
	£4748	6 10

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES

Overdraft at E.S. & A. Bank	£191	5 2
Excess Assets over Liabilities	553	14 10
	£745	0 0

ASSETS

Debentures, Richmond C.C., 530 at £1	£530	0 0
Furniture, Fittings and Materials	145	0 0
Wertheim Piano	70	0 0
	£745	0 0

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE—INJURED FOOTBALLERS' FUND, R.F.C.

To Balance forward:— Cash in State Savings Bank		£173	3 2	
,, Interest		6	6 11	
,, Richmond Football Club			10 11	
		£180	1 0	
By Balance: Cash in State Savings Bank		1	0	
Debentures Richmond Cricket Club — 180 at £1	£180 0 0			
				£180 1 0

OLD PLAYERS' FUND, R.F.C.

To Balance forward: Cash in State Savings Bank		£6	19 2	
,, Interest			4 10	
		£7	4 0	
By Balance: Cash in State Savings Bank 10/1/1928				£7 4 0

DONATIONS (OTHER THAN CASH)

J. H. Archer, 22 hats, value £23/2/-, and £10/10/- suit; Australian Knitting Mills Pty. Ltd., portion of uniforms; Bosisto & Co. Pty. Ltd., eucalyptus oil for season; W. J. Beggs, 2 bottles whisky; N. Brown, 4 bottles wine; H. Cobern, enlarged framed picture, "Tiger"; H. Cody, bottle whisky; Miss Caine, gold medal; D. Hayes, silver cup; Franklin's, portable phonograph; Head & Sons, Stetson hat; Kiernan's, wicker chair; R. M. Kelly, skipping ropes; E. H. King, fancy goods; C. Mack, sovereign; W. Mackerras, silver mounted cup; A. G. Macown, goods; W. A. Maybury, bottle whisky; E. McEwin, silver mounted pipe and case; Miss A. Millar, lamp shades; E. Monsbourgh, suit, value £10/10/-; Prahran Furniture Manufacturers, moquettte upholstered lounge chair, value £10/10/-; Richmond Cricket Club, complimentary membership to players; Richmond Furnishing Co., enclosed glass tiger skin mount; Sanatorium Health Foods, supply of Marmite for season; Mrs. and Misses W. Sheppard, sandwiches for entertaining visitors at home matches; R. J. Stanley, barrel beer; R. Stevens, prize, value £2; D. Stewart, committee-room trays; J. R. Walsh, box tennis balls; H. Weidner (senr.), gold medal; Mrs. Weinert, cake. Donations of chairs for committee-room.—President—J.H. Archer, chair value £9/9/-. Vice-Presidents.—Cr. H. H. Bell, £2; W. H. Gosch, £2. Committee.—H. Cox, £2; C. Hall, £2; E. H. Linthorne, £2. Treasurer—J. D. Langdon, chair value £3. Secretary—P. Page, chair value £3.

GOAL-KICKERS, 1927

J. Baggott, 37; D. Lynch, 32; P. Bentley, 21; J. Huggard, 20; G. Rudolph, 19; J. McCormack, 19; H. Weidner, 16; D. Hayes, 12; A. McIsaac, 12; T. O'Halloran, 10; J. Fincher, 5; F. O'Brien, 4; A. Geddes, 3; R. O'Neill, 2; L. Stainsby, 2; J. Spain, 1; G. Robinson, 1; W. Ford, 1; F. Kight, 1; Total, 218.

PLAYERS IN REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

The following club players were chosen to represent Victoria in the Carnival Games played in Melbourne during August last, and all worthily upheld both the prestige of Victoria and their club. Victoria won all her games and the Championship:—J. Baggott, P. Bentley, D. Don, A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran, G. Rudolph.

Jack Baggott was adjudged by prominent sporting writers as Victoria's most serviceable player—a wonderful achievement in his first year of League football. D. Don was also forcibly bringing himself under notice as a sterling player when he was unfortunately injured. As stated elsewhere this injury prevented him from playing for the remainder of the season. Your seven players chosen for the Carnival easily represents a club record, the previous highest being three, when M. Hislop, J. Smith, and V. Thorp represented your club in the Carnival played at Perth in 1921. A photograph of the group is to be hung in the club rooms.

CASH DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUNDS

Richmond Cricket Club	£315	0	0
Richmond Cricket Club (Players)	30	0	0
Bryant & May Pty. Ltd.	5	5	0
Carlton and United Breweries Ltd.	5	5	0
Sherrin, Syd.	5	5	0
Dimmeys Model Stores	2	2	0
Halliday, W.	2	2	0
Smythe, H. L.	2	2	0
James Dickson & Co.	1	1	0
Gorman, James	1	1	0
Hansen, K.	1	1	0
Head & Sons	1	1	0
Lowe, L. H.	1	1	0
Marshall Shoe Co.	1	1	0
Nunan, Collins Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
O'Connor, P. J.	1	1	0
Robinson & Co.	1	1	0
Scullin, J. H., M.H.R.	1	1	0
Tonn, W.	1	1	0
Total	£378	12	0

CASH DONATIONS TO TRIP FUNDS

Russell, A. G.	£10	10	0
Broadcasting Co. of Aust. Pty. Ltd.	5	5	0
King, E. H.	5	5	0
Carroll, M. J.	3	3	0
Stokes, H.	3	3	0
Art Union Prize	3	0	0
Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. E.	3	0	0
Ash, P. G.	2	2	0
Bahen, Chris	2	2	0
Connard, T. H.	2	2	0
Keen, L.	2	2	0
Lee, Jack	2	2	0
Maples Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0
Morgan, Jack	2	2	0
Rothwell, C.	2	2	0
Simpson, J. C.	2	2	0
Sutherland & Co.	2	2	0
Taylor, H. B.	2	2	0
Tweedie & Co., J.	2	2	0
Wells & Son	1	11	6
Beckerley, A.	1	1	0
Bishop, D. G.	1	1	0
Carmichael Bros.	1	1	0
Chessell, Dave	1	1	0
Cohen, H. R.	1	1	0
Colonial Meat Coy.	1	1	0
Cotter, E. J., M.L.A.	1	1	0
Coverlid, J.	1	1	0
Croft, Mr. and Mrs.	1	1	0
Cuddon, W. H.	1	1	0
De Gruchy, W. E.	1	1	0
Dennithorne, H.	1	1	0
Farrell, E. J.	1	1	0
Godfrey, Miss	1	1	0
Greene, Miss A.	1	1	0
Green, Mr.	1	1	0
Gray, Dr. W. R. S.	1	1	0
Guthrie, Mrs. B.	1	1	0
Haynes, Dr. (deceased)	1	1	0
Holdsworth, R. C.	1	1	0
Kanis, Mick	1	1	0
King, Arthur	1	1	0
Kiwi Polish Co. Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
Latham, E. C.	1	1	0
Lloyd & Co.	1	1	0
Love & Pollard	1	1	0
Matthews, Mrs. H. M.	1	1	0
Mitchell, J.	1	1	0
Moran, W.	1	1	0
Morley, A. H.	1	1	0
McHugo, Dave	1	1	0
McPherson's Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
Pelaco Ltd.	1	1	0
Preservene Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
Ruwolt, Chas.	1	1	0
Sexton, A. R.	1	1	0
Stapleton & Lewis	1	1	0
Treleaven, W. T.	1	1	0
Trickey, C.	1	1	0
Walters, D. O.	1	1	0
Wertheim Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
Whittaker, A.	1	1	0
Long, R.	1	0	0
Peddle, W. H.	1	0	0
Anonymous	0	11	0
Bradshaw, Mrs.	0	10	6
Miller, J.	0	10	6
McDonald, A. H.	0	10	6
Rogers Pty. Ltd.	0	10	6
Sweet, Norm	0	10	6
Vine, Mr.	0	10	6
Anonymous	0	10	0
Total	£110	7	6

On behalf of the Committee,
J. H. ARCHER, President.
P. PAGE, Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

The foregoing report and balance-sheet shows the club to be in a flourishing condition. The finances were never better, the club being in the unique position of being able to loan £420 to the Richmond Cricket Club. The hon. secretary (Mr. P. Page) has done his work well, so, too, has the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. D. Langdon). To these two executive officers and other officials I tender my thanks for their able assistance throughout last season.

J. H. ARCHER, President R.F.C.

"Richmond Weekly," Print., 210 Swan St.